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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/553,151	KINOYAMA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	JEFFREY H. MURRAY	1624	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 October 2005.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 14 October 2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>10/14/2005</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the filing of a non-provisional application October 14, 2005. There are six claims pending and six claims under consideration. This is the first action on the merits. This invention relates to 1-(2-methoxyethyl)-2-methyl-4,9-dioxo-3- (pyrazin-2-ylmethyl) -4,9-dihydro-iH-naphtho [2,3-d] imidazol-3-ium bromide which is a novel compound useful as medicines, particularly to its crystals.

Priority

2. Acknowledgment is made of Applicant's claim for foreign priority. This application, U.S. Application No. 10/553,151, filed on October 14, 2005, is a national stage application PCT/JP04/05321, filed on April 14, 2004, which claims foreign priority to Japanese Application No. 2003-109793, filed April 15, 2003.

Specification

3. The specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any of the errors of which applicant may become aware of in the specification.

Claim Objections

Applicant is advised that should claim 2 be found allowable, claims 3-6 will be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate thereof. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim.

See MPEP § 706.03(k).

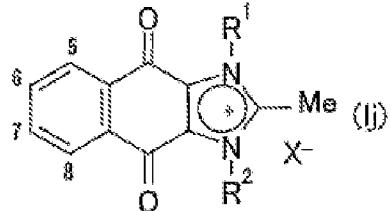
Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Matsuhisa, et. al., WO2001060803. Table 24 of the prior art shows the following:



Co	R¹	R²	X	Co	R¹	R²	X
75	-CH₂(Pyr)	-(CH₂)₂OMe	Br	81	-CH₂(Pyr)	-(CH₂)₂CO₂⁻	-
76	-CH₂(Py3)	-(CH₂)₂OMe	Br	82	-CH₂(Py4)	-(CH₂)₂CO₂⁻	-
77	-CH₂(Py4)	-(CH₂)₂OMe	AcO	83	-CH₂(Py3)	-CH₂CO₂⁻	-
78	-CH₂(Pyr)	-(CH₂)₂OMe	AcO	84	-(CH₂)₂OMe	-CH₂CO₂⁻	-
79	-CH₂(Py3)	-(CH₂)₂OMe	PhSO₃⁻	85	-CH₂(Py4)	-(CH₂)₂OMe	I
80	-(CH₂)₂OMe	-(CH₂)₂OMe	PhSO₃⁻	86	-(CH₂)₂OMe	-(CH₂)₂OMe	I

The specification defines Pyr as 2-pyrazinyl. It can clearly be seen that compound #75 is the same as the compound described in Claim 1. The compounds in the table were prepared according to the procedures described with in the specification. Since the final step in making the salts is a “recrystallization procedure,” the crystalline form is presumed to be the final product. The prior art does not discuss the particular crystal form of the final product obtained. As there is no evidence to the contrary, the broadest reasonable interpretation should be considered. The broadest reasonable interpretation

would be that the product is both the α -form and β -form of the crystals. The X-Ray diffraction pattern and DSC analysis are considered “physical properties” of the crystal and thus are inherent features of the crystal.

Double Patenting

6. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the “right to exclude” granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

7. Claims 1-6 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No.

Claims 1-6 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,734,203.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the instant claim differs from the copending claim by a more limited genus than the claim of the copending application. However, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to select any of the species of the genus of the copending application, including those instantly claimed, because the skilled chemist would have the reasonable expectation that any of the species of the genus would have similar properties and, thus, the same use as taught for the genus as a whole. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to select the claimed compounds from the genus of the copending application since such compounds would have been suggested by the claims of the copending application. It has been held that a prior art disclosed genus of useful compounds is sufficient to render *prima facie* obvious a species falling within a genus. *In re Susi*, 440 F.2d 442, 169 USPQ 423, 425 (CCPA 1971), followed by the Federal Circuit in *Merck & Co. v. Biocraft Laboratories*, 847 F.2d 804, 10 USPQ 2d 1843, 1846 (Fed. Cir. 1989).

Conclusion

8. Claims 1-6 are rejected.
9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey H. Murray whose telephone number is (571) 272-9023. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs. 7:30-6pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. James O. Wilson can be reached at 571-272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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